

Issue Brief HB14-1002

House Bill 14-1002, concerning the establishment of a grant program under the “Colorado Water Quality Control Act” to repair water infrastructure impacted by a natural disaster, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

SUMMARY:

The bill creates a natural disaster grant fund, appropriates \$12,000,000 to the fund, and directs the division of administration in the department of public health and environment to award grants from the fund to local governments, including local governments accepting grants on behalf of and in coordination with not-for-profit public water systems, under rules promulgated by the Water Quality Control Commission for the planning, design, construction, improvement, renovation, or reconstruction of domestic wastewater treatment works and public drinking water systems that have been impacted, damaged, or destroyed in connection with a natural disaster.

CURRENT STATUS:

01/08/2014 Introduced in House – Assigned to Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

LONGMONT IMPACT:

With passage of HB14-1002, the City would be able to apply for grants that would contribute toward the City’s flood recovery efforts.

Staff recommends that City Council **Support** HB14-1002 as currently drafted.

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